

# VIRGINIA LEAGUE DIRECTORS WILL DECIDE PENNANT RACE

President Wells Hurrying From Savannah to Attend Meeting Here To-Night.

## TIGERS WILL NOT PLAY

Their Claim to Title Was Fairly Won—Norfolk Considers Financial End.

### Will Not Play Off Tie.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ROANOKE, Va., September 12.—The directors of the Virginia League will decide to-day whether the Roanoke Tigers will play off a tie for the pennant, or whether they will not play.

BY CARROLL F. FITZGERALD.  
The baseball season among professionals ever waged in Virginia will probably be settled to-night when the directors of the six clubs of the State League will meet at Murphy's Hotel to determine finally whether or not the Roanoke Tigers will play the games to-day, and the pennant be awarded to that club.

It is a safe bet that the magnates will call the race a tie, and will recommend that Norfolk and Roanoke decide the championship by playing a series of five games. Whether or not Roanoke will agree to play the games is a question of grave doubt, and it seems there is no doubt that President Williams, of that club, will refuse to accept any proposition that may be made by President Consolvo, of Norfolk.

In this case the Tars will probably be regarded by the great majority of baseball lovers as the real winners for the season.

President Wells, who arrived yesterday, is expected to arrive at 2 o'clock this afternoon, but it will be impossible to get the six men together by that hour, and consequently the plan to hold the conference at 8 o'clock to-night will stand. President Wells is on his way from Savannah, Ga., to Richmond, and will reach here at noon to-day.

Roanoke, in the opinion of the writer, is entitled to the seven-inning game played by Lynchburg, which was called off by agreement, when the former club was far in the lead, and which was afterwards thrown out on a protest by Norfolk. Although the constitution of the commission may not allow the first game of a double-header to be called off before nine innings are played, unless for some unpreventable cause, nevertheless in other and larger leagues games have been called off, and no protests entered.

In the Southern League, for instance, if the ninth inning is entered, there would be many games thrown out, and probably the entire standing of the clubs in that organization changed.

Manager Shaughnessy stated before he left Richmond Saturday night that he had no doubt but that the National Commission would be asked to decide the decision of the Virginia League directors went against him, and President Williams' silence indicates that the manager knew what he was talking about.

One theory advanced as to why the games should be played off is the financial benefit the two clubs will receive. This is no reason why the pennant race should be called a tie, and to establish such a precedent would probably prove the greatest blow organized baseball in Virginia has ever suffered.

Elmore D. Helms, one of the owners of the Roanoke club, stated to the sportsman of the Times-Dispatch that he had no doubt but that the National Commission would be asked to decide the decision of the Virginia League directors went against him, and President Williams' silence indicates that the manager knew what he was talking about.

President Charles H. Consolvo, of Norfolk, came to Richmond yesterday and was in conversation with the sportsman of the Times-Dispatch. The exact nature of his visit is not known, but it is a fact that while he talked over the long distance telephone to President Williams in Roanoke, he agreed to play three of five games in Roanoke and two in Norfolk, or two in Norfolk, two in Roanoke and one in Richmond, and lastly to play all five games here. President Williams would not listen to any proposition, and ended the conversation by saying that he would await the decision of the directors.

He did say, however, that his team was not in good condition, and that Ryan was out of the game with a broken finger, and that even if the tie games were played, it would be to the great advantage of Norfolk. President Consolvo, from here, met the excuse, it may be considered such, by offering to permit Roanoke to secure any player that might be able to fill the vacancies. He did not even bar Hal Chase or Roger Bresnahan.

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out at 8 o'clock to-night, before any information is given out.

Owner Bradley talked rather freely about the dispute last night, and judging from what he said his vote will be in favor of calling it off. Such was what Mr. Bradley said:

"There have been so many disputes between Roanoke and Norfolk that I feel the best thing to do is to let the two teams fight it out. You remember the kick Norfolk made earlier in the season that Roanoke played two armed players, Doane and Hale, and I know you are familiar with the Roanoke protests. I think the sportsmanlike thing for Roanoke to do would be to play off the tie."

"As soon as I got the telegram from Norfolk asking my permission to allow the transfer of Saturday's games from Portsmouth to that city I gave my permission. I did not make any difference to me where the teams played, because no matter how they came out it would not have affected Richmond. I wish Richmond was tied for first place."

"There would be no doubt of my agreeing to call it off. Such games would draw the biggest crowds ever seen in Virginia. The Broad Street Park corporation has tendered the use of the park to the teams, and we will make inducements to get the rivals to Richmond."

President Hanger, of Portsmouth, who agreed for the transfer of games from his city to Norfolk, addressed a letter to President Wells, in which he gave financial reasons for the cause for allowing the change of place. Mr. Hanger realized that Norfolk, where the team had a chance to nose out Roanoke, would prove the greatest attraction, and he seems to have ignored the fact of the great advantage it gave the Tars over Roanoke when the entire result of the whole season's work was hanging in the balance. Here are financial reasons figuring again in opposition to fair play.

President Wells had the right and

only sportsmanlike idea when he wired Secretary Gregory Saturday something to this effect: "Don't allow Portsmouth games to be transferred to Norfolk under any circumstances. It would not be right to give Norfolk the advantage at this stage of the fight, and I don't propose to countenance such tactics as long as I am at the head." Mr. Wells was probably astounded when he was informed later in the day that his intention had been ignored.

There is a paragraph in the league constitution which prohibits the use of armed players, and it is said, and with some emphasis, that the suggestion that it be inserted came from Roanoke. Again we quote Owner Helms: "We have no fear of any investigation of how our players were secured," he says. "We got them fairly, and have violated no word in the constitution. Whether or not they played him before the outright award was made by the National Commission."

Every phase of the situation will be discussed to-night, however, and unless there is a lengthy explanation forthcoming, no matter how the decision goes, there will be dissatisfaction in the ranks. President Consolvo is attempting to arrange a post-season series is conclusive evidence that he has great confidence in the ability of his team, which closed the season in better condition than since the first game was played last April.

President Wells will probably insist on a consideration of the manner in which his telegram in reference to the transfer of games was not in fact. Much hangs on the result, and it is not clear that Roanoke used armed players. If it did not violate this section of the Virginia League constitution I am in favor, after considering all other facts, of awarding the 1909 pennant to Frank J. Shaughnessy and his Highlanders.

# FOOTBALL WARRIORS PREPARE FOR BATTLE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., September 12.—Preliminary football practice will begin in earnest at the University of Virginia this week. Desultory work has been going on during the past few days, under the charge of "Tad" Bowen, right end on last year's team, who was among the first of the squad to return to college.

Of last year's varsity eleven the following have returned to the university: Stanton, the fleet-footed Californian, who proved such a sensation in the back field last fall; Edwin W. Hays, who has been spending the summer at a big Y. M. C. A. camp in the South, and looks to be in the pink of condition; Kemper W. Yancey, of Harrisonburg, one of the best line plunkers of last year's team, and Howell, right tackle, from Bedford College of the William and Mary College team.

Johnny Neff, who will be head coach of the eleven this year, the second under the alumni system, is expected within the next few days. Within a fortnight will be "Bobby" Graham, an end on the Virginia team a few years ago, and later head coach at Davidson College. N. C. H. H. Lannigan, associate director of athletics, who has been spending the summer in Maine, is scheduled to reach the university Tuesday, and on Thursday S. W. Haker, captain of this year's team, should drop in from the plains of Texas, where he has been spending a portion of the summer.

The "Tad" Bowen and Lambeth Field has been cut, and the gridiron will be chalked off within the next few days.

At Chapel Hill.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
CHAPEL HILL, N. C., September 12.—With the arrival of Arthur E. Brides, coach of the football team, interest in the football season of 1909 was ushered in. Mr. Brides for the past three years has been a member of the Yale football team, and has been recommended by Walter Camp, the best known football coach that Yale sends out this year. He has played every position on the Yale team except quarterback, and was trained for this position in secret practice. By some critics he is considered the most versatile player that the game has ever produced. A "round" player, it was at tackle that he found himself such a tower of strength. It was no unusual thing for his name to figure in the headlines with Tad Jones and Coy.

Coach Brides has as a working basis seven of last year's varsity—Rabin, Garwood (captain), Croswell, the Boland, Williams, Deans, and Tillet. Most of the last year's scrubs have returned and some promising new material has been reported. Any forecast of the season would as yet be idle talk. It is simply an uphill proposition that will require every ounce of power. However, there is no pessimism on this campus, but a spirit of grim determination that has won many a hard uphill fight.

The season opens here on the Hill October 2 with a game with Wake Forest, and closes in Richmond Thanksgiving Day with the Boland, Virginia game. The schedule also includes games with Tennessee, V. M. I., Washington and Lee, Richmond College, V. P. I., and Georgetown.

Cornell Squad Out Monday.

ITHACA, N. Y., September 12.—In response to the call issued to football candidates, it is expected that a large number of Cornell men will report at Percy Field to-morrow, when daily practice will begin.

With a number of veterans still in college and a number of promising new men—from the freshman team and last year's sub squad—and with the graduating coaching system growing in strength, football fans here are given chances of a strong team are good. Whether or not it will be a "winning team" depends upon later developments.

A greater effort than ever before has been made to secure the assistance of prominent alumni. The graduate coaching system is now two years old at Cornell. It has worked well. It is expected that it will work better this year, as there will be from seven to eight old stars present every week throughout the season.

This will give much assistance to the regular coaches—"Bunny" Larkin, '06; "Dud" Walters, '09, and "Barny" O'Rourke, '09. The loss to the team of the latter, who were mainstays last year, will be greatly felt, but it is hoped they will make this up in training the new candidates for their positions. Hutchinson, Mow and

Shearer, halfbacks, and Gardner and Caldwell, quarterback, will also be missed.

But of the veterans there will be Tedman, halfback, who is captain this year; Pope, a strong punter; Hullbert, MacArthur and Crosby, ends; Leventy, tackle, and Bell, guard. Woody, who made rapid strides at quarterback during the end of the season, will also be on the job.

It is reported that Hodge, a big center, who has been on a leave of absence for three years, intends to return and make some one hustle for that place. Stude, a former Southern player, who was not eligible last year, is also being cut for a line position. In addition, there are several of the 1908 freshman team who will furnish material for development into varsity players. Prominent among these are Donnan and Weeks, tackle; Baker, a quarterback, and Teague, an end.

## RANDOLPH-MACON FOOTBALL

John Hopkins and V. M. I. Appear in the Fall Schedule.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ASHLAND, Va., September 12.—The prospects for Randolph-Macon's football team are promising.

Captain Drewry and Coach Warren will have Jackson, Lawless, and Why, the last named of the team of 1907, in the line-up again, while Rowe will be back at his old job in right half and Chaplain will even surpass his last year's performance at quarterback.

Simpson, of last year's subs, has a good show for the team, and Carroll, Baker, and Wray, among the new men, are especially promising.

In the football schedule for the season, as given out by Manager Buhrman, several departures from the usual contents are notable—namely, in Lexington, the game with Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore. The schedule:

October 4—Fredericksburg College at Ashland.

October 9—Richmond College at Richmond.

October 16—Hamden-Sidney (cham-pionship) at Petersburg.

October 23—Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore.

October 30—William and Mary (championship) at Richmond.

November 6—Richmond Howitzers at Ashland.

November 13—Virginia Military Institute at Lexington.

November 20—Open.

November 27—Richmond College (championship) at Richmond.

Carlisle Football.

CARLISLE, PA., September 12.—Conway Hall, at Carlisle, has a strong chance of turning out a first-class football eleven during the coming season. If the prospects in hand at present are an indication of what will be, the team will be a formidable one when active practice begins on the gridiron next Monday.

Among the old men who are expected to return to Carlisle in time for the opening of football practice are Captain Ripley Shaffer, the star end and quarterback; Hope Martin, fullback; Zaner, Adams and Stickle, all good line men, and Carden, a last year's substitute.

Advices have been received here that the following new men who are coming to Conway Hall will, in all likelihood, make excellent football material: Worrall, Philadelphia; Butzack, Mount Carmel; Elzey, Delaware; Roy, Saint of New Kingston, Pa.; Trego, Carlisle; National, Carlisle, Pa.; Uppermerman, Harrisburg; Myers, of Myerstown; Downey, Portridge, Goldstein, Bialston and Skillely.

## Southern League

At Memphis: Mobile, 3; Memphis, 7. At New Orleans: First game—Montgomery, 2; New Orleans, 0. Second game—Montgomery, 0; New Orleans, 3.

## NEW GOLF CHAMPION

CHICAGO GOLF CLUB WHEATON, ILL., September 12.—Charles Evans, Jr., of Edgewater, defeated Robert Gardner of Hinsdale, the new national champion, in the 18-hole match play tournament held to-day. The match between Evans and Gardner was hard-fought, but Evans won by 18 to 17. Sherman's score was 80.

## TURNER ACCEPTS CHAMPIONSHIP

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, Va., September 12.—Joe Turner, the Washington wrestler, who claims the welterweight championship of the South, has accepted the challenge of John Pili, the Greek, for a match to be held at the home of the Italian here next Tuesday night. The match is to be best two out of three falls. M. P. Tanner, of this city, will referee the match.

## YACHTING "FANNY"

Elizabeth Buchanan, 8 Years Old, Gives Each Player a Stink.

Richmond can probably boast of the youngest "fanny" of any other city. Elizabeth Buchanan, 8 years old, is the youngest of the city's "fannies." She is a member of the Richmond Yacht Club, and besides her enthusiasm for baseball, she is of the kind that believes in showing her devotion for the home team. Her name is Miss Elizabeth Buchanan, of 1315 Hanover Street. She is eight years old.

Saturday afternoon, between games, Captain Frank Cunningham escorted Miss Elizabeth from the grandstand, outside of which each of the Richmond players had drawn up in line, and then, after a brief speech by the City then, she presented each of them with a gold monogrammed attache. An engraved card accompanied each gift.

Miss Buchanan has seen nearly every baseball game this season, and was so enthralled by the excitement that she was almost "lost to death" until he consented to let her carry out her wish of showing her fondness for the players. The great crowd cheered when the gifts were presented.

# Day in the Big Leagues

AMERICAN LEAGUE. NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.  
Chicago, 1; Cleveland, 0.  
St. Louis, 5; Detroit, 12 (next game).  
St. Louis, 4; Detroit, 4 (called at end of eighth).  
St. Louis, 3; Pittsburgh, 4.  
Cincinnati, 0; Chicago, 5.

How the Clubs Stand  
Clubs. Won. Lost. P. C. Year.  
Detroit ..... 87 48 .651 .583  
Philadelphia ..... 81 50 .619 .589  
Boston ..... 77 54 .588 .475  
Cleveland ..... 68 59 .538 .416  
Chicago ..... 67 67 .500 .535  
New York ..... 60 76 .442 .336  
St. Louis ..... 53 64 .451 .337  
Washington ..... 47 72 .395 .219

Where They Play To-Day  
St. Louis at Detroit.  
Cleveland at Chicago.  
Washington at Boston.  
Philadelphia at New York.  
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.  
New York at Boston.  
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.  
Chicago at Cincinnati.

## TIGERS TAKE ONE, TIE ONE

ST. LOUIS, MO., September 12.—Detroit won the first game, 11 to 5, and tied the second, 4 to 4. Willitt opposed the local team, and poor support allowed St. Louis to score three runs. Felly was easy, as was Graham and Howell. Waddell opposed Donovan in the second and honor were even. The scores:

ST. LOUIS. AB. O. E. Detroit. AB. O. E.  
Schlizer, 1f, 2f, 3f, 4f, 5f, 6f, 7f, 8f, 9f, 10f, 11f, 12f, 13f, 14f, 15f, 16f, 17f, 18f, 19f, 20f, 21f, 22f, 23f, 24f, 25f, 26f, 27f, 28f, 29f, 30f, 31f, 32f, 33f, 34f, 35f, 36f, 37f, 38f, 39f, 40f, 41f, 42f, 43f, 44f, 45f, 46f, 47f, 48f, 49f, 50f, 51f, 52f, 53f, 54f, 55f, 56f, 57f, 58f, 59f, 60f, 61f, 62f, 63f, 64f, 65f, 66f, 67f, 68f, 69f, 70f, 71f, 72f, 73f, 74f, 75f, 76f, 77f, 78f, 79f, 80f, 81f, 82f, 83f, 84f, 85f, 86f, 87f, 88f, 89f, 90f, 91f, 92f, 93f, 94f, 95f, 96f, 97f, 98f, 99f, 100f, 101f, 102f, 103f, 104f, 105f, 106f, 107f, 108f, 109f, 110f, 111f, 112f, 113f, 114f, 115f, 116f, 117f, 118f, 119f, 120f, 121f, 122f, 123f, 124f, 125f, 126f, 127f, 128f, 129f, 130f, 131f, 132f, 133f, 134f, 135f, 136f, 137f, 138f, 139f, 140f, 141f, 142f, 143f, 144f, 145f, 146f, 147f, 148f, 149f, 150f, 151f, 152f, 153f, 154f, 155f, 156f, 157f, 158f, 159f, 160f, 161f, 162f, 163f, 164f, 165f, 166f, 167f, 168f, 169f, 170f, 171f, 172f, 173f, 174f, 175f, 176f, 177f, 178f, 179f, 180f, 181f, 182f, 183f, 184f, 185f, 186f, 187f, 188f, 189f, 190f, 191f, 192f, 193f, 194f, 195f, 196f, 197f, 198f, 199f, 200f, 201f, 202f, 203f, 204f, 205f, 206f, 207f, 208f, 209f, 210f, 211f, 212f, 213f, 214f, 215f, 216f, 217f, 218f, 219f, 220f, 221f, 222f, 223f, 224f, 225f, 226f, 227f, 228f, 229f, 230f, 231f, 232f, 233f, 234f, 235f, 236f, 237f, 238f, 239f, 240f, 241f, 242f, 243f, 244f, 245f, 246f, 247f, 248f, 249f, 250f, 251f, 252f, 253f, 254f, 255f, 256f, 257f, 258f, 259f, 260f, 261f, 262f, 263f, 264f, 265f, 266f, 267f, 268f, 269f, 270f, 271f, 272f, 273f, 274f, 275f, 276f, 277f, 278f, 279f, 280f, 281f, 282f, 283f, 284f, 285f, 286f, 287f, 288f, 289f, 290f, 291f, 292f, 293f, 294f, 295f, 296f, 297f, 298f, 299f, 300f, 301f, 302f, 303f, 304f, 305f, 306f, 307f, 308f, 309f, 310f, 311f, 312f, 313f, 314f, 315f, 316f, 317f, 318f, 319f, 320f, 321f, 322f, 323f, 324f, 325f, 326f, 327f, 328f, 329f, 330f, 331f, 332f, 333f, 334f, 335f, 336f, 337f, 338f, 339f, 340f, 341f, 342f, 343f, 344f, 345f, 346f, 347f, 348f, 349f, 350f, 351f, 352f, 353f, 354f, 355f, 356f, 357f, 358f, 359f, 360f, 361f, 362f, 363f, 364f, 365f, 366f, 367f, 368f, 369f, 370f, 371f, 372f, 373f, 374f, 375f, 376f, 377f, 378f, 379f, 380f, 381f, 382f, 383f, 384f, 385f, 386f, 387f, 388f, 389f, 390f, 391f, 392f, 393f, 394f, 395f, 396f, 397f, 398f, 399f, 400f, 401f, 402f, 403f, 404f, 405f, 406f, 407f, 408f, 409f, 410f, 411f, 412f, 413f, 414f, 415f, 416f, 417f, 418f, 419f, 420f, 421f, 422f, 423f, 424f, 425f, 426f, 427f, 428f, 429f, 430f, 431f, 432f, 433f, 434f, 435f, 436f, 437f, 438f, 439f, 440f, 441f, 442f, 443f, 444f, 445f, 446f, 447f, 448f, 449f, 450f, 451f, 452f, 453f, 454f, 455f, 456f, 457f, 458f, 459f, 460f, 461f, 462f, 463f, 464f, 465f, 466f, 467f, 468f, 469f, 470f, 471f, 472f, 473f, 474f, 475f, 476f, 477f, 478f, 479f, 480f, 481f, 482f, 483f, 484f, 485f, 486f, 487f, 488f, 489f, 490f, 491f, 492f, 493f, 494f, 495f, 496f, 497f, 498f, 499f, 500f, 501f, 502f, 503f, 504f, 505f, 506f, 507f, 508f, 509f, 510f, 511f, 512f, 513f, 514f, 515f, 516f, 517f, 518f, 519f, 520f, 521f, 522f, 523f, 524f, 525f, 526f, 527f, 528f, 529f, 530f, 531f, 532f, 533f, 534f, 535f, 536f, 537f, 538f, 539f, 540f, 541f, 542f, 543f, 544f, 545f, 546f, 547f, 548f, 549f, 550f, 551f, 552f, 553f, 554f, 555f, 556f, 557f, 558f, 559f, 560f, 561f, 562f, 563f, 564f, 565f, 566f, 567f, 568f, 569f, 570f, 571f, 572f, 573f, 574f, 575f, 576f, 577f, 578f, 579f, 580f, 581f, 582f, 583f, 584f, 585f, 586f, 587f, 588f, 589f, 590f, 591f, 592f, 593f, 594f, 595f, 596f, 597f, 598f, 599f, 600f, 601f, 602f, 603f, 604f, 605f, 606f, 607f, 608f, 609f, 610f, 611f, 612f, 613f, 614f, 615f, 616f, 617f, 618f, 619f, 620f, 621f, 622f, 623f, 624f, 625f, 626f, 627f, 628f, 629f, 630f, 631f, 632f, 633f, 634f, 635f, 636f, 637f, 638f, 639f, 640f, 641f, 642f, 643f, 644f, 645f, 646f, 647f, 648f, 649f, 650f, 651f, 652f, 653f, 654f, 655f, 656f, 657f, 658f, 659f, 660f, 661f, 662f, 663f, 664f, 665f, 666f, 667f, 668f, 669f, 670f, 671f, 672f, 673f, 674f, 675f, 676f, 677f, 678f, 679f, 680f, 681f, 682f, 683f, 684f, 685f, 686f, 687f, 688f, 689f, 690f, 691f, 692f, 693f, 694f, 695f, 696f, 697f, 698f, 699f, 700f, 701f, 702f, 703f, 704f, 705f, 706f, 707f,